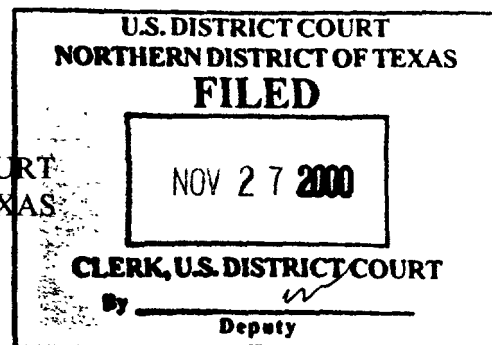


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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
DALLAS DIVISION



STEPHEN E. JONES, et al.,

Plaintiffs

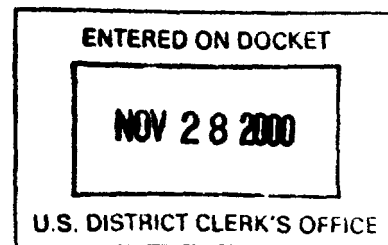
VS.

GOVERNOR GEORGE W. BUSH, et al.,

Defendants

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Civil Action No. 3:00-CV-2543-D



**ORDER**

The court today conducted a scheduling conference with counsel, at which time it made the following rulings and entered the following schedule:

1 The court denies plaintiffs' request under Fed. R. Civ. P. 65(a)(2) to consolidate their preliminary injunction application with trial on the merits.

2. By November 28, 2000 at 9:00 a.m., plaintiffs' counsel shall fax to counsel for defendant Richard B. Cheney ("Secretary Cheney") plaintiffs' proposed requests for discovery. These requests may consist of no more than 25 of a combination of the following: interrogatories (single questions with no subparts), requests for admission, and stipulations of fact. If counsel for Secretary Cheney objects to any of the proposed requests for discovery and those objections cannot be resolved by the parties without court intervention, the court will be available by conference call on November 28, 2000 at 11:00 a.m. (or at such later time as counsel request and the court approves) to resolve the objections.

3. Secretary Cheney shall fax to plaintiffs' counsel his responses to plaintiffs' discovery requests (except to the extent the court sustains objections to them) no later than November 29, 2000 at 9:00 a.m.

4. Plaintiffs' response and brief in opposition to defendants' motions to dismiss shall be filed and served no later than November 29, 2000 at 4:30 p.m. Plaintiffs are granted permission to fax these materials to the clerk of court and to opposing counsel.

5. Plaintiffs' brief and appendix in support of their preliminary injunction application, as required by the court's November 20, 2000 order, shall be filed and served no later than November 29, 2000 at 4:30 p.m. Plaintiffs are granted permission to fax these materials to the clerk of court and to opposing counsel.

6. Defendants' brief and appendix in opposition to plaintiffs' preliminary injunction application, as required by the court's November 20, 2000 order, shall be filed and served no later than November 30, 2000 at 4:30 p.m. Defendants are granted permission to fax these materials to the clerk of court and to opposing counsel.

7. No reply briefs in support of defendants' motions to dismiss or plaintiffs' preliminary injunction application will be permitted.

8. The court will endeavor to file its decision on plaintiffs' preliminary injunction application and defendants' motions to dismiss no later than the afternoon of December 1, 2000.

**SO ORDERED.**

November 27, 2000.

  
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SIDNEY A. FITZWATER  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE